

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
WESTERN DIVISION**

LAWRENCE R. BURFITT,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

LINNEA MAHLMAN, et al.,  
Defendants.

Case No. 1:16-cv-776

Barrett, J.  
Litkovitz, M.J.

**REPORT AND  
RECOMMENDATION**

On July 26, 2016, plaintiff filed a motion for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in connection with a complaint brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. (Doc. 1). On August 12, 2016, the undersigned ordered plaintiff to submit a completed, signed application and affidavit to proceed without prepayment of fees and a certified copy of his prison trust fund account statement within thirty (30) days. (Doc. 2). Plaintiff was advised that failure to comply with the Order may result in the dismissal of this action for want of prosecution. (*Id.*).

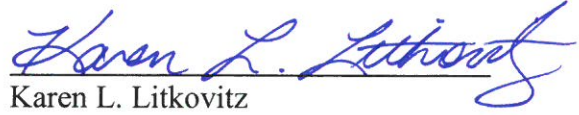
To date, more than thirty (30) days after the Court's August 12, 2016 Order, plaintiff has failed to pay the filing fee or submit a completed, signed *in forma pauperis* application and a copy of his prison trust fund account statement.

"District courts have the inherent power to sua sponte dismiss civil actions for want of prosecution to manage their own affairs so as to achieve the orderly and expeditious disposition of cases." *Link v. Wabash R.R.*, 370 U.S. 626, 630–631 (1962). *See also Jourdan v. Jabe*, 951 F.2d 108, 109 (6th Cir. 1991). Failure of a party to respond to an order of the court warrants invocation of the Court's inherent power. *See Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b)*. Accordingly, this case should be dismissed for plaintiff's failure to pay the Court's \$400.00 filing fee or to submit a completed *in forma pauperis* application. *In re Alea*, 286 F.3d 378, 382 (6th Cir. 2002).

It is therefore **RECOMMENDED** that this matter be **DISMISSED** for lack of prosecution.

**IT IS SO RECOMMENDED.**

Date: 9/20/16

  
Karen L. Litkovitz  
United States Magistrate Judge

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**NOTICE**

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b), WITHIN 14 DAYS after being served with a copy of the recommended disposition, a party may serve and file specific written objections to the proposed findings and recommendations. This period may be extended further by the Court on timely motion for an extension. Such objections shall specify the portions of the Report objected to and shall be accompanied by a memorandum of law in support of the objections. If the Report and Recommendation is based in whole or in part upon matters occurring on the record at an oral hearing, the objecting party shall promptly arrange for the transcription of the record, or such portions of it as all parties may agree upon, or the Magistrate Judge deems sufficient, unless the assigned District Judge otherwise directs. A party may respond to another party's objections WITHIN 14 DAYS after being served with a copy thereof. Failure to make objections in accordance with this procedure may forfeit rights on appeal. *See Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140 (1985); *United States v. Walters*, 638 F.2d 947 (6th Cir. 1981).